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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BRIEFING PACKAGE ON BERBERA

REF: (A) STATE 135878; (B) USDAO JIDDA 0442 DTG 130746Z

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1. REGARDING QUESTIONS IN REF B, WE EXPECT PRESS COVERAGE WILL BE EXTENSIVE ON JUNE 15 BASED UPON SPECIAL RELEASE TO INCLUDE PHOTOS. REF A TRANSMITTED TEXT OF SECDEF STATEMENT TO CONGRESS AND CAN BE COMPARED WITH TEXT OF BRIEFING YOU HAVE. THE ONLY GRAPHICS YOU RECEIVED THAT WERE NOT USED BY SECDEF BEFORE CONGRESS WERE THE BERBERA STREET MAP AND TOPO AREA MAP, AND THE DRAWINGS OF GROUND LEVEL VIEWS OF FACILITIES. DIA WILL SEND MESSAGE JUNE 16 GIVING BREAKOUT OF THEIR POUCHED BRIEFING.

2. REQUEST FOLLOWING SECDEF MESSAGE BE DELIVERED TO PRINCE FAHD, ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE SECDEF STATEMENT (REF A) AND CONFIDENTIAL

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COPIES OF THE PHOTOS YOU HAVE ON HAND. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: AMBASSADOR AKINS HAS INFORMED ME OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA. AS YOU KNOW, WE ALSO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT. I TESTIFIED

BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON JUNE 10TH,
OUTLINING THE DETAILS OF THE SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA
AND OUR CONCERN OVER THE POTENTIAL THREAT REPRESENTED BY
THESE ACTIONS.

I AM ENCLOSING FOR YOUR INFORMATION A COPY OF MY STATEMENT
BEFORE CONGRESS ALONG WITH COPIES OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF
THE SOVIET INSTALLATIONS AT BERBERA.

AS SECRETARY CLEMENTS MENTIONED TO YOU ON HIS RECENT VISIT
WE ARE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS OF THIS SOVIET PRESENCE
CLOSELY, AND I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO
PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY NEW INFORMATION AS CHANGES OCCUR.
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL UPON US IF WE CAN ASSIST YOU IN
ANY WAY IN THIS SENSITIVE MATTER. SINCERELY, JAMES R.
SCHLESINGER, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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